BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUING THE NATIONAL LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL COMMISSION

R E S O L U T I O N

This matter coming on to be heard before the Board of County Commissioners of the State of Oregon for Clatsop County, sitting for the transaction of County business on the 18th day of November, 1968, said day being the 8th day of the regular November Term of said Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board, that the possibility exists that the National Lewis and Clark Trail Commission, established by Public Law 88-360, will be disbanded, due to the termination of its Congressional authority; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board that it is advisable and a public necessity, and that it will be for the public benefit and of public interest that this National Lewis and Clark Trail Commission remain in existence; and

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WHEREAS, The National Lewis and Clark Trail Commission has accomplished much work during this time, yet, the seeds of cooperation so ably sown by the Commission between Federal, State, and local governments have not been brought to full fruition; and

WHEREAS, It does not appear to be wise, at this time, to suspend the activities of this body, particularly in view of the legislation recently passed authorizing the establishment of national trails, to include the Lewis and Clark Trail; and

WHEREAS, Points in favor of the continuity of this body are as follows:

A. The American public has become more aware of the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition through the efforts of the Commission. However, despite the ever increasing number of visitors, greater appreciation must be realized and is being done by virtue of the coordination of the movement to recognize the historic landmarks of the expedition.

B. The Commission has stimulated each state along the Lewis and Clark Trail to take initiative in developing its own resources for promoting the establishment of the historic sites; the states eagerly responding, but the leadership of the national commission needed to provide the impetus for fulfillment of the work.

C. Clatsop County, Oregon is the site of one of the most significant spots associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the winter encampment of 1805-06, at Fort Clatsop. It was through the combined efforts of the citizens of this vicinity that this site was given proper recognition. Visitation to Fort Clatsop National Memorial will be at or near 90,000 for Calendar Year 1968- an increase of almost 30% since the inception of records in 1960. Yet, this site is still only a part of the whole story, and it is for the mutual interest of the people of Clatsop County and other counties along the Trail that the Commission continue to give guidance and leadership towards a united effort to accomplish the goals of this movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clatsop County, Oregon, at the recommendation of its Historical Advisory Committee, that the Congressional delegation from the State of Oregon be petitioned to sponsor legislation which will provide for the continuation of the National Lewis and Clark Trail Commission for a minimum of ten more years to insure that the

and Clark Trail Commission for a minimum of ten more years to insure that the program set forth in the document, "A Proposal for Development", be fully accomplished.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1968.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

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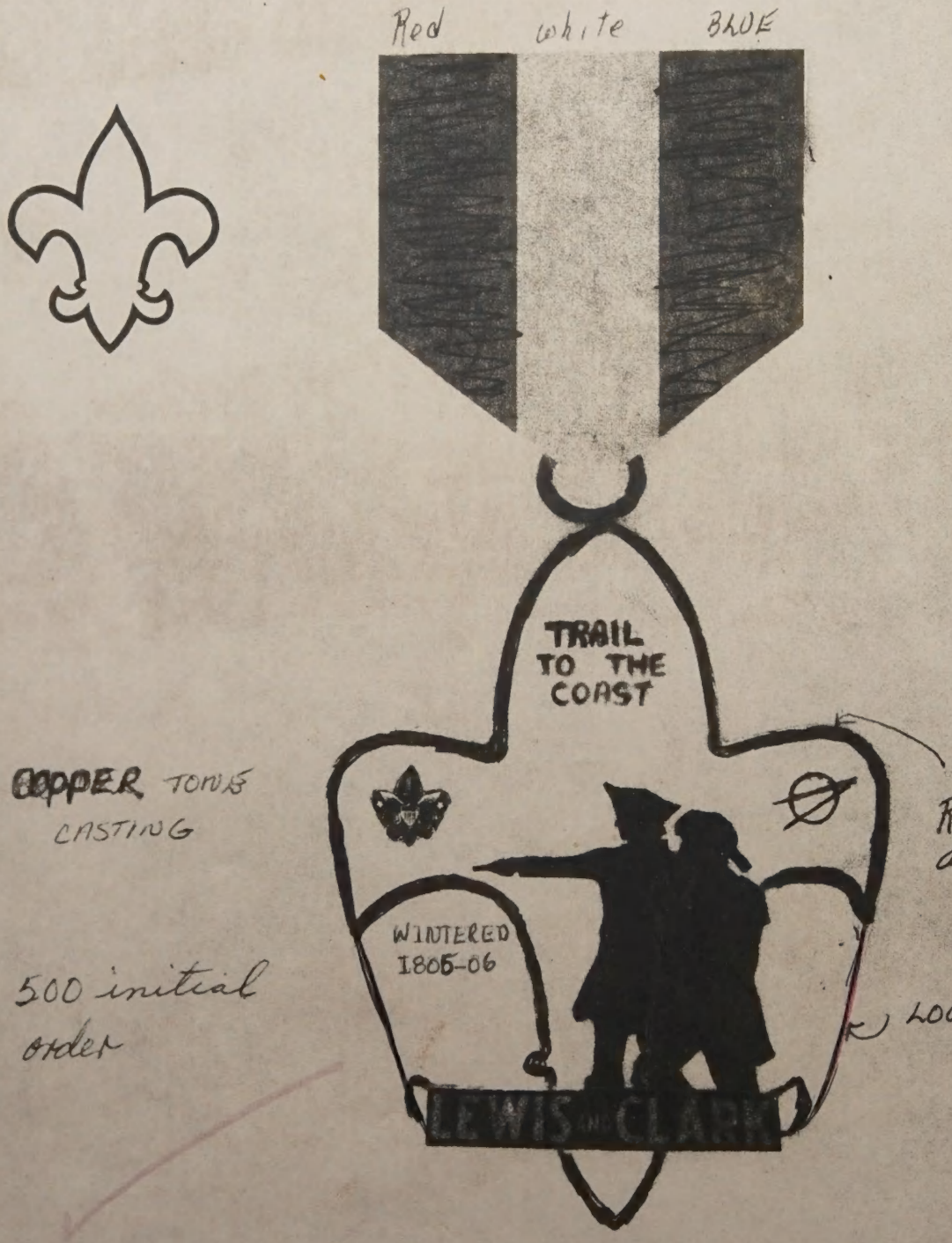

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